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This listing of claims will replace all prior versions, and listings, of claims in the application:

**Listing of Claims:**

Claims 1-5 (canceled).

Claim 6 (currently amended): An isolated ultrafiltration fraction of >300 nucleotide ribonucleic acid molecules from brain tissue, which does not bind to an oligo dT column and enhances the amplification of PrP<sup>Sc</sup>.

Claim 7 (currently amended): A kit for identifying the presence of PrP<sup>Sc</sup> comprising the ribonucleic acid molecules of ~~claim 1~~ claim 6.